

GRAUSTARK

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14 December 1968

1967U "Fall 1916"
GERMANS DOUBLE-CROSSED IN NORTH

Following "Spring 1916" moves, Turkey retreated A Sil-Gal, and Italy retreated A Tyr-Pie.

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Mun-Boh; A Liv-War; A Sil & A Pru S A Liv-War; A Ber-Mun; A Bur S A Ber-Mun; A St.F-Mos; F Bot C ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; F Bal S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv.

ITALY (Clark): F Norway-Bar; A Fin-Liv; A Pie & A Tus S F Ven; F Ven S F Apu; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun & F Apu S F Tyr-Ion; A Rom-Nap.

RUSSIA (G. Hear): A War S ITALIAN A. Fin-Liv; A Mos S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; A Sev S A Mos.

TURKEY (Deshara): F Ion-Apu; F Adr S F. Ion-Apu; F Eas-Ion; F Alb S F Eas-Ion; A Tri-Ven; A Bul-Ser; A Gal & A Ukr S RUSSIAN A War; A Tyr-Boh; A Vie S A Tyr-Boh.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian fleet in Apulia and the German army in Livonia are dislodged and, having nowhere to retreat, are annihilated. The German convoy is permitted because the rules explicitly state that a convoy is neither an attack nor a support.

The High Combatant Powers now control the same supply centers that they controlled after "1914". (See GRAUSTARK #166.) Germany builds A Rkie, while Italy builds either A Rom or F Rom. Players may make "Spring 1917" moves conditional on whether the Italian build is a fleet or an army. The deadline for "Spring 1917" moves is NOON, 28 DECEMBER 1968.

ROME: The war ministry today promised to fight unto the death of the last boy soprano.

1968G "Fall 1907"
RUSSIANS INVADE TURKEY

The Russian unit in Holland is an army, not a fleet as reported in GRAUSTARK #170.

ENGLAND (Walker): F Por holds; A Bur-Mun; F North Sea-Norway; F Bar & F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea-Norway; F Eng-Bel.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Pic-Bel; A Par S A Pic-Bel ((sic)).

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Sev-Arm; A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Rum; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); F Hel-North Sea; F Den & F Ska S F Hel-North Sea; A Mun & A Fel hold; A Norway holds; A Ruh S A Mun; A Hol S A Bel; A Swe S F Norway.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Mid-North Atlantic; F North Africa-Mid; F Wes & F Spa(s.c.) S F North Africa-Mid; F Mar holds; A Tyr S ENGLISH A Bur-Mun; A Ven-Tri; A Vie S A Ven-Tri; A Gre-Ser; F Con-Bul(e.c.); F Aeg-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia must retreat A Norway-Fin or A Norway-St.P. This retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1907" builds, which may be made conditional on its direction. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers: ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Por.

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FRANCE: Pre, Par. (2)
RUSSIA: Pel, Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (13)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (14)

England must remove one unit, and Turkey may build one. The

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THIRD NEW GRAUSTARK GAME BEGINS

The third and last of the new GRAUSTARK games got a full board by 7 December, and the following day the country assignments were mailed out to the players. They are:

ENGLAND: George Schelz, Apt. 2D, 140 W. 238th St., Bronx, N. Y. 10463

FRANCE: Robert J. Ward, US 56837902, 629th Med. Co., Fort Ord, Calif. 93941

GERMANY: Hugh Andersen, 2717 Belaire Dr., Lansing, Mich. 48910

ITALY: Peter Cumber, 97-15 Horace Harding Expressway, Rego Park, N. Y. 11368

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Norman McLeod, 906 Kimberwicke Road, McLean, Va. 22101

RUSSIA: Harry Manegg, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Ill. 60901

TURKEY: John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 1968. Rules for GRAUSTARK games will be found in #168. Any player in any GRAUSTARK game, who did not receive a copy of #168, should write for a free copy at once. Copies of the Diplomacy rules are also available for \$1.00. Maps are available at 4¢ each.

Edi Birsan is the only stand-by who has thus far signed up. He is therefore the stand-by for all GRAUSTARK games except the one in which he is playing.

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deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 1968.

BERGEN, NORWAY (15 September 1907): Led by the redoubtable Sir Jochum Hashish, Commander of the Order of the Barracuda, English marines stormed ashore all along the coast of Norway this morning, as King Huon XVIII once again resumed the offensive against the Russian pirates. Assisted by Koarsars and imported Herib cavalry, the English swept inland causing all Russians encountered to be fed to the Heribs. Answering the query of a worried Red Cross representative, Sir Jochum remarked, "No, there's no chance we would mistake a Norwegian for a Russian." Then, as the Red Cross representative breathed a cautious sigh of relief, he added, "All the Norwegians were processed through the fattening pens and shipped to Pollutidar long ago. There are a lot of Swedes here, though, so anybody who says 'Yumpin' Yiminy!' will not be eaten. Yet."

PARIS: Purdence G Two Shoes has announced war...on the notorious Sisters Peg the Night (Capagrahousines) Fighter who really camp fellow-er and Pil the Promiscuous One. The two sisters harden fighters of life's battles are running for President and Vice-President in special Election aricated by "Happies" and backed by Pil's and Peg's campaign manager former constable Bute Jon and Don Juan - Regent of France. Miss Purdence feel the Yeast Villagers are a new low in degeneration (uasest then Reinears & Uirks. She was farther sucked by Don Juan's offer to crenet the alliance between King-Emperor Huon by a wedding between Col. Sebastian Moran Prime Minister and Earl of Northumbria and the Lilly of Brest,

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"Spring 1907"

GAMESMASTER NOT WITH IT, BUT ITALY IS

The "Spring 1907" moves published in GRAUSTARK #170 omitted the moves for Italy sent in by stand-by player Margaret Gemignani. These moves were in fact sent it. The actual "Spring 1907" moves are:

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Bre-Mid; F North Sea-Eng; F Norway-North Sea; F Bal-Liv; A Pru & A Kie S F Ber; F Ber S A Pru; A Fic-Bre; A Hol-Ruh; A Bel-Bur; A Len holds.

GERMANY (Naus): A Mun not ordered; is dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Gemignani): A Bur-Mun; A Tyr S A Bur-Muh; A Boh-Vie; A Tri S A
Feh-Vie; F Tyr-Lyo; F Eas-Smy; F Ion-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Ser-Tri; A Vie S A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri; A Rum S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum; A Sil-Boh; A War holds; F Gre-Ion.

TURKEY (White): A Syr-Arm; F Sev-Bla; F Smy-Aeg; A Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Munich is dislodged; unless Munich is left vacant after "Fall 1907" moves, Germany is out of the game. The Italian army in Trieste is dislodged, and must retreat to either Albania or Venice. Other players may make their "Fall 1907" moves conditional on the direction of this retreat.

These moves were mailed out to the players on 5 December, and a new deadline of NOON, SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 1968 was set for the "Fall 1907" moves. The deadline for "Winter 1907" moves will be NOON, SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 1968. The "Fall 1907" moves will be mailed out to the four surviving players, and printed a week later in GRAUSTARK #172.

REME: Gearain (the Enforcer) Luigi has announced his "family" is open for offers.

"Me! I am glad to make a buck. In behalf of myself, my brother-in-law Big Al and our junior partner Pope Innocent (better known as Producer - father of nineteen) we extend the open hand of friendship. Our friends all by production (reduce rates on special interductory offer)."

Turkish & England resperstatues are axcept to arrive seen. Senior Enforcer also state if we ne get beg deal you bid there well be a conflict. That Townsend and Abdul better come up with a geedy. There is always the Kaiser...Better not push Big Al around. "A H Turkish lap dog but with me could be big man." These who don't pd lied."

SUBSCRIPTION OVERLAPS

The following people, now enrolled in current GRAUSTARK games, had subscriptions before they began play. After the conclusion of the game or games in which they enrolled, they will be entitled to the following number of issues of GRAUSTARK:

Hugh Anderson	5	William Linden	5
Donald Berman	7	Robert Maloney	3
Randy Bytwerk	8	Dick Reiter	4
Michael Childers	6	Mehran Thomsen	32
George Heap	6	Brenten ver Ploeg	23
David K. Johnston	27	Robert J. Ward	3
David Lebling	10		

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXIII

After an uneventful flight the Deltout Airlines plane landed in Siunik, carrying Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner to the convention of the Tarpeia Society. O-O-Hate, who is really Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector from Bugle, Pennsylvania, spent the time reading the first-edition Detective Comics with which the plane had been furnished. Burner read The Little White Book, which contained the thoughts of Charlton Putput, president of the airline.

Pilot George Lincoln Dygert set the plane down in Siunik, only three hours late. O-O-Hate speeded himself and Burner through customs by the simple expedient of shooting a man who attempted to inspect his luggage.

In the airport restaurant O-O-Hate and Burner met two other secret agents, also dedicated foes of the sinister forces of World Peece.

"Sir Herley Davidson!" O-O-Hate called out. His old friend from Canadian Intelligence was sitting at a table, drinking Plster-whisky. With him was an attractive young girl in an extremely short miniskirt.

"O-O-Hate! Come join us!"

The Americans set down. "Sir Harley, this is Burner, my teen-age assistant."

"And this is Alberta, my teen-age assistant. Chacun a son gout, if you'll excuse the language of an inferior race."

"Are you here for the convention, too?" Burner asked.

"Never miss it!"

"Who else is here?" said O-O-Hate.

"I've heard rumors," Sir Harley lowered his voice, "that both Chinese delegations are missing."

"Holy Wer!" O-O-Hate said. "The Chinese were among our best hopes of thwarting the sinister plans of the pacifists and restoring world war to the world!"

((Where are the Chinese? Is the ancient and venerable institution of war in danger? What about the plot to unionize spies? Find out the details in GRAUSTARK.))

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUQUILLON - XXXIV

The economy of Beauquillon went into a slump after World War II. This decline has been attributed to many factors. The end of the war made people more interested in planning for the future, and less likely to spend everything in one grand fling at the gaming tables in the Grand Ducel Bourse. Also, the American invasion of France had brought thousands of American soldiers to Beauquillon, who insisted on playing nothing but craps. Their far superior experience broke the bank five times. Also, many of the noble patrons of the Bourse were killed in the mysterious collapse of Baron Czerni's castle.

With the gradual economic recovery of Europe in the 1950's, the demand for Beauquillon's principal products also revived. This was in part due to the new policies introduced by Cosimo XV and his principal adviser Count d'Avine - the sons of the men who had guided the Grand Duchy's fortunes before World War II. (The previous Grand Duke had been caught in the collapse of Czerny's castle. His only living friend,

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the elder Count d'Avino, took charge of the funeral ceremonies, and the wake developed into an orgy which d'Avino, at his advanced age, did not survive.)

Cosimo XV inherited a Grand Duchy burdened with debt. But, by adapting Beaucaillon's traditional economy to the necessities of the Cold War and Dolce Vita eras, he was able to recover his country's traditional place in the economy of Europe. To the traditional activities of gambling, espionage, and making book on wars he added currency speculation, film-making, and the collection of professional political exiles.

"GRAUSTARK I" - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: Negotiations with Germany have been too one-sided. Therefore, a treaty with England has been signed. A quick victory is anticipated.

ZPOD, HERNIA: quiet reigned today in this remote backwater of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, even though troop movements were afoot in every corner of Europe. Duke Nosebeard VII appeared on the balcony of the Royal Palace at noon, and shouted to the crowds below, "Who'd want to invade Hernia?" He was answered by gales of approving laughter.

Outside, observers, however, feel that Hernia may well play a major role in the war that many expect to erupt momentarily. We shall see.

VIENNA: In answer to questioning by newsmen over the meaning of Austria's unprovoked attack on Rumania, Emperor Franz Josef merely winked. Did it mean war with Russia? With Turkey? Or was there a sinister plot afoot with some other nation? Only Spires Preterestous of Athens knows for sure, and he has been missing since 1965Q.

WASHINGTON (6 January 1901): The ballots cast by the electoral college were opened today in a joint session of Congress, and the United States of America learned with surprise who the next President would be. In several of the state capitals where electoral college members had met, unidentified men were seen adding something to the whiskey supply. The explanation, or at least the outcome, became evident today.

By an overwhelming majority, the next President of the United States will be a political unknown named Pigasus J. Pig!

LONDON (4 March 1901): Today the Swiss Consul, Dr. John Boredom, emerged on Fleet Street and shot 66 passers-by, 23 of them fatally. When arrested, he demanded that the case against him be dropped, on the grounds that his victims had not been murdered, but only "executed". "My object," he shouted, "was to bring the horror of war home to the people!"

"War? War? What war?" commented the Prime Minister, Sir Mycroft Holmes. "We are astounded by his imputation of warlike designs to the Government of the Ninefold King. He couldn't be referring to our well-known support of the Norwegian National Liberation Front, could he?"

A verdict of insanity is thought likely, since Dr. Boredom can not tell a donkey from an elephant, or either from a bedsheet.

LONDON (12 March 1901): The High Court today reached a verdict in the case of Dr. John Boredom. "Upon careful examination of the defendant's shinbone," said Chief Justice Arglay, "we have concluded that he is an emissary of the fiend Mode, and must be sealed in concrete lest he pollute the universe." The sentence will be carried out at dawn.

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Allan B. Calhamer, inventor of Diplomacy, is now living at 518 N. Spring Ave., La Grange Park, Ill. 60525. He writes that he is at work on a new game.

1968BD

"Fall 1906"

ENGLAND (Comber): A Swe-Liv; F Bal C A Swe-Liv; F Ska-Swe; A Norway S
F Ska-Swe; F North Sea & F St.F(n.c.) hold.

FRANCE (Komada): A Mun-Beh; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Pru-Sil; A
Ber S A Pru-Sil; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F Mid-Spa(s.c.);
F Wes-Lyo; F Mar S F Wes-Lyo; F North Africa holds.

ITALY (Berman): A Gre S TURKISH A Bul; A Tyr-Tri; A Pie-Tyr; F Tun
holds; F Tyr S F Tun; F Ion C TURKISH A Con-Alb.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Presnitz): A Rum-Bul; A Ser S A Rum-Bul; A Bud S A Ser;
A Gal-Vie.

RUSSIA (Linden): A Fin-St.P; A War-Liv; A Sil-War; F Bla-Sev.

TURKEY (Birsan): A Bul S PROSNITZ TO HELL ((sic; holds)); A Con-Alb;
F Aeg C A Con-Alb; F Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Sil-Gal.
The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as they did after
"1905", except that Russia lost Sweden to England. (See GRAUSTARK
#168.) England builds A Lon and Russia removes A Fin.

"Spring 1907"

ENGLAND: A Swe-Liv; F Bal C A Swe-Liv; F Ska-Den; F St.F(n.c.)-Bar;
A Norway-St.P; A Lon-Norway; F North Sea C A Lon-Norway.

FRANCE: A Ber-Pru; A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum-Bul; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh
S A Mun-Tyr; F Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mar; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Spa
(s.c.)-Wes; F Lyo & F North Africa S F Spa(s.c.)-Wes.

ITALY: A Gre-Ser; A Tyr-Vie; A Tri S RUSSIAN A Gal-Bud; F Tyr-Tus;
F Ion-Tyr; F Tun-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ser-Tri; A Bud & A Vie S A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Gal.

RUSSIA: A Gal-Bud; A War-Ukr; F Sev S TURKISH A Bul-Rum.

TURKEY: A Bul-Rum; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Aeg S F Con-Bul(s.c.); A Alb S
ITALIAN A Gre-Ser;

Italy retreats A Tyr-Ven and Russia retreats A Gal-War. The Aus-
tro-Hungarian army in Serbia is annihilated.

VIENNA via BROOKLYN: The Kings County Grand Jury indicated ((sic))
Don Berman and Bill Linden today. They were charged with the crime of
attempted suicide.

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For those of you who came in late, 1968BD is a game of Telephone
Diplomacy. The players phone in their moves to Gamesmaster John Resha-
ra, who adjudicates them and mails them out to the players. This makes
it possible to play the game at the rate of one move per week, and to
telephone players directly for builds, removals, and retreats. Much
time is thus saved. This game began only 3 months ago, and is already
in its 7th game year.

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What's all the fuss about the Paeble? I thought people had been
watching The Man from UNCLE long enough to know what happens to spies
who can't hack it.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Terry Kuch asks: "By law, no American can be portrayed on a U. S. postage stamp while he is alive. Name one man who was so portrayed."

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And, while we're at it, what woman was portrayed on a U. S. postage stamp during her lifetime? Hint: She beat out the above-mentioned man by a considerable number of years.

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Dave Johnston asks: "Have you read Graustark, The Story of a Love Behind a Throne by G. R. McCutchen, Herbert S. Stone, Chicago, 1901". In the 52 years of GRAUSTARK's publication, your Gamesmaster has been amazed at the number of people who did not recognize the source of this publication's name. (For a while the name was connected with a race-horse Graustark, who enjoyed a transitory fame a few years ago.)

Graustark, which is a German rendering of "Gray-Strong", first appeared as the title of George Barr McCutcheon's above-mentioned novel. It was one of many such books, including Anthony Hope Hawkins' The Prisoner of Zenda (1894) and Edgar Rice Burroughs' The Mad King (1926). The plots of such books were all cut of one piece. A handsome young American or Englishman (depending on the author's nationality) travels to a small, usually German-speaking country in eastern Europe and gets involved in an intrigue involving the succession to the throne. Ingredients of the plot are an impersonation of a member of the royal family by the hero, a thoroughly villainous cadet of the royal family who plots to take the throne, a romance between the hero and a princess, and numerous buckled swashes. Sometimes sinister red revolutionaries plot to dispose of the king, and are thwarted by loyal common people rallied by the hero.

McCutcheon's novel was apparently the best-known of these, because the whole genre is often called "Graustarkian" fiction. Sometimes small countries with unstable governments are deprecatingly characterized as "Graustarks".

Other postal Diplomacy ~~titles~~ have been named after fictional countries. These include Ruritania, Freedonia, Costaguana, Brobdignag, Trantor, Wild in' Woolly, Erehwon, Thulcandra, and Xanadu. Can any reader identify the sources of all of these?

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In GRAUSTARK #169 was mentioned Herman Kahn's article in the November Fortune, which had the arrogant title "How to Think About the Russians". The New York Times Magazine of 1 December 1968 has an article about him, by Richard Kostelanetz.

It is impossible to read about Herman Kahn without recalling a stereotype common in the satirical fiction of two or three decades ago - a stereotype such as Professor Schninkelfinger in the lame but humorous satire The Liberation of Manhattan by Edmund de Maitre and Mark J. Appleman (1949): "In my imagination I had pictured a cadaverous Torquemada, with hollow cheeks and fiery eyes. And here beside me sat a veritable cherub with small blue orbs as clear as a new-born babe's... It was still hard for me to realize that this jovial butterball had spent all of his mature years perfecting cheap and efficient methods of killing. He looked as if he would have compunctions about deatryong a wombat."

With Kostelanetz's story, "Prof. Schninkelfinger" steps out of satire and comes to life. He is described as "a master strategist who can talk coolly about nuclear death, he years ago got so ill from disposing of his wife's dead cat that she has since done any such dirty work herself."

Herman Kahn has chiefly busied himself, since 1948, with the planning of world-wide thermonuclear war and the weapons with which it is to be fought. This is no drudgery with him, but an intellectual sport which he enjoys highly. ("I can be really funny about thermonuclear war.")

I have long believed that the supporters of war constitute, not a political faction, but a pathological manifestation. Herman Kahn's offered as Exhibit A.

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Is Kahn Strangelove? That is, is he the model upon whom is based Dr. Strangelove of "Peter George's" novel and Stanley Kubrick's film?

Kahn himself has the answer: "((He is)) part Henry Kissinger, part myself, with a touch of von Braun". And who is Henry Kissinger? Well, President-elect Nixon has just appointed him as his assistant for national security affairs.

Does anyone out there feel secure?

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CA couple of addresses were printed incorrectly in GRAUSTARKS #169 and #170. They should be: . . .

Eugene Presnitz, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

David K. Johnston, 5451 Rockwood Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229

This is a new ZIP code for Johnston.

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There are now no stand-bys in 1968G, 1968J, or the new games. Anyone who wishes to sign up as a stand-by in a new game can also, if he wishes, be a stand-by in 1968G or 1968J at no extra cost. See GRAUSTARK #168, Rule 5.

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As a native-born Californian, I am happy to note that on 20 January 1969 a Californian Chief Justice will swear in a Californian President of the United States. Can any history buff determine the last time a President came from the same state as the Chief Justice who administered the oath of office to him?

After the inauguration of President Nixon there will be three living ex-Presidents. The most ex-Presidents alive at one time was five. When was this, and who were they?

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The Arab world's first subway system will soon be constructed in Cairo. It will probably run much faster westbound than eastbound.

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Worth reading: Ralph Parker's Great Mysteries of the Air. Parker tells, in a dramatic fashion leading up to the tragic climax, the stories of 14 air mishaps - if the comic-relief tale of Wrong-Way Corrigan can be called a "mishap". Among the famous air disasters discussed are the disappearance of Amelia Earhart (who was not spying on Japanese military installations in the Pacific), the tragic last days of the crew of the Lady Be Good in the Libyan desert, the Scottish crash that took the life of the Duke of Kent (uncle of Queen Elizabeth II), and the still-mystifying death or disappearance of Alfred Loewenstein. Some of these, such as the Lady Be Good crash and the death of bandleader Glenn Miller, do not any longer qualify technically as "mysteries", but all are compellingly narrated.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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Without comment, the New York Times of 5 December 1968 printed a letter which observes that the Constitution presently does not provide for the removal of a Vice-President found mentally unfit to hold office.

On 8 December I once more saw the Marx Brothers' famous political satire Duck Soup. Long-time readers of GRAUSTARK have probably recognized that the spirit of this publication, insofar as it is Marxist, owes more to Groucho than to Karl. GRAUSTARK's one-time sister publication FREDONIA took its name from the mythical country whose leadership Groucho assumed in Duck Soup. Freedomia has also from time to time forced its way into the 1967U press releases.

Most Marx Brothers enthusiasts regard either Duck Soup or A Night at the Opera as their best film. Duck Soup was produced at a time when, like today, conventional politics and economics had run the world into a hopeless dead end. The Marxes kid the hell out of "accepted" ideas of statecraft. Rufus T. Firefly is a direct lineal ancestor of Pigasus J. Fig.

The Establishment of the day realized this, too. Duck Soup winds up with a bitter satire on war and militarism, including a "spiritual" called "All God's ohillyn got guns." So Benito Mussolini banned it in Italy. And the German-American Bund condemned the Marx Brothers as an example of decadent Communist culture. Meanwhile, the Motion Picture Production Code condemned films which showed war as being anything but necessary and glorious.

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Call out the Augustan Society! Also the Boofeaters, the Goldstream Guards, M. I. 5, Scotland Yard, and James Bond!

According to a report in last Sunday's New York Times, Queen Elizabeth II was hosting a stand-up buffet for a group of athletes at Buckingham Palace, assisted by the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret. A marathon runner named Jim Adler, apparently preferring a sit-down buffet, sat down the better to deal with a chicken leg. He took the nearest seat - which happened to be the Queen's throne.

Alas! So feeble has the royal authority become in these decadently democratic times that Adler's head is still on his shoulders. Moreover, a "Buckingham Palace spokesman" merely commented, "we cannot say whether we approved or disapproved."

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Diplomacy was invented by Allan B. Calhamer, and is marketed by Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass. 02110. The retail price is \$7.50. John R. Moot of Games Research reports, in Broodingnag #89, says that a revision of the rules may be in the offing.

If a number (e. g., 177) appears in the upper right-hand corner of the address label, it is the number with which your subscription expires. The letter "C" in that position denotes a complimentary copy, while "S" indicates a sample copy. "T" indicates a trade for your own postal Diplomacy 'zine.

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John Koning's sTab, after discussing in detail the merits and demerits of various North American beers, has gone on to oranges. When these have been suitably dissected - in both senses, literal and metaphorical - then the next topic can just as well be knishes. Why is it that meat knishes are made in the Midwest, but in New York they're filled only with potato or kasha? Which tradition is followed in California? In Ontario? In Florida? Is one kind of knish Sephardic, and the other Ashkenazic? Where does felaffel fit into the situation? What is the best seasoning for a potato knish, which is obviously too bland to be eaten without it?

sTab's address is 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509

"Graustark I"

"Spring 1901"

WAR BREAKS OUT IN EUROPE

ENGLAND (Linden): F Lon-North Sea; F Edi-Norwegian Sea; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Bernan): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Gas; A Mar-Bur.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (White): A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Nap; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kush): F Tra-Alh; A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Gal.RUSSIA (C. Johnson): F St.P-Bot; F Sev holds; A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr.

TURKEY (McLeod): F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Arm; A Cen-Bul.

Underlined moves are not feasible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 1968.

ATHENS: Preposterous' Information Specialty Service informed the Austrians of Ruasia's plans to move to Galicia. Where this information came from Preposterous wouldn't tell, but it was rumored to originate west of the Vistula and north of the Pyrannea. ((sic))

PARIS: Negotiations with Germany have been too one-sided. Therefore, a treaty with England has been signed. A quick victory is anticipated.

Earlier press releases appear on p. 5.

1968G (continued from p. 2)

Anna Maria Alberque, heiress of dela Crest Empire, first in French bread.

World famous Chief Piere de Bonchance has be asked to serve at the reception. The Entertment will be supplied by the Yeast Village Nudest and Put out Club whose new musical "Orgy" is suuting many nations.

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GRAUSTARK cordially wishes to all its readers a happy holiday season and a New Year of peace and friendship.

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